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VILLAGE LIFE®

around the

# ITALIAN LAKES

LAGO COMO ♦ LAGO MAGGIORE ♦ LAGO D'ORTA

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Dear alumni and friends,

*Buon giorno!*

Join your fellow York U alumni to one of the world's most captivating destinations, northern Italy's fabled Lake District, with its sublime landscapes of shimmering glacial waters, soaring Alpine peaks, charming waterfronts and bijou towns overflowing with Mediterranean flora. The region's ancient history echoes through towns embellished with lavish Renaissance and Gothic architecture and imbued with the distinct *bella figura* Italian style that has inspired poets, composers, musicians, artists and philosophers for centuries.

Join our small group of travellers in the quintessentially Italian *città di Como*—your picturesque “home” for a full week—for this one-of-a-kind VILLAGE LIFE® around the Italian Lakes *soggiorno*, an exceptional way to experience the genteel ambiance and authentic delights that have lured visitors to the beautiful regions of Lombardy and Piedmont since the days of the “Grand Tour.” Our carefully designed, expert-guided excursions explore the artistic and architectural treasures commissioned by Roman aristocrats, medieval lords and Renaissance princes, including a specially arranged viewing of Leonardo da Vinci's renowned masterpiece, *The Last Supper*, in the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Santa Maria delle Grazie. Trace the legacy of Milan's outstanding artistic heritage, visit the impossibly enchanting town of Bellagio and the romantic Borromeo Island of Isola Bella, crowned by the Baroque Palazzo Borromeo, famed for its lavish ornamentation, priceless artworks and terraced Italianate gardens.

Enriching presentations and the exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM, featuring local residents, offer you personal perspectives on Lombardy's cultural heritage and contemporary life. You will taste the bold flavours of northern Italy's acclaimed cuisine and sparkling wines.

Your accommodations for this comprehensive program are in the heart of charismatic Como in the ideally located, lakeside PALACE HOTEL, just steps away from the city's Gothic-style Duomo. This historical hotel overlooks stunning Lake Como and welcomes guests with warm Italian hospitality and impeccable service.

Indulge in the refined traditions of the Italian Lake District and join us on this unique program, where you unpack only once in one of Italy's loveliest settings. This program sells out every time, so I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

*Ciao!*

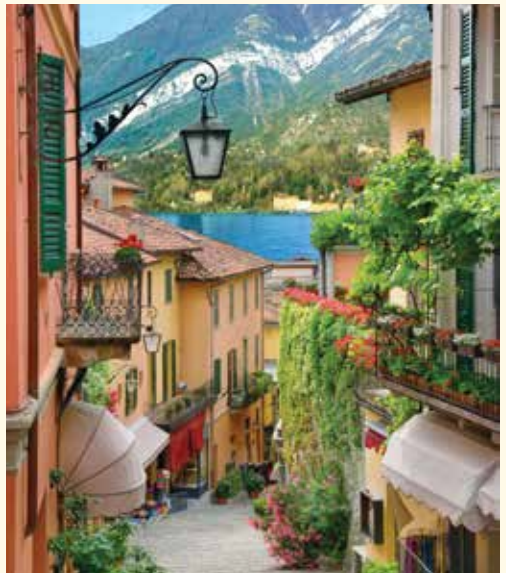
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Cover photo: Enjoy a private boat ride across the tranquil waters of Lake Orta, the hidden gem of the Italian Lake District.



*The epitome of Lombardy's old-world charm, Bellagio enchants with its authentic Italian ambiance.*



## VILLAGE LIFE®

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# ITALIAN LAKES

Experience firsthand the authentic character and fairy-tale landscapes of Italy's romantic Lombardy and Piedmont regions from the shores of picturesque Lake Como. During this specially designed small group itinerary, explore the alluring lakeside *città* (towns) and *villaggi* (villages) that dot the coasts of Lake Como, Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta. Stay in the centre of medieval Como, falling into the daily rhythms and centuries-old traditions of Italy's ancient towns, and enjoy custom-designed CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Sacro Monte di Orta, the exquisite Italian Villa del Balbianello and secluded Isola Bella, the summer residence of the aristocratic Borromeo family. Experience the architectural riches and artistic verve of Milan and enjoy a specially arranged viewing of da Vinci's unrivaled painting, *The Last Supper*, a fixation for scholars since its inception. Engage with local *Lombardi* (residents of Lombardy) during the exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM, gain keen insights from a Como scholar and lifelong resident and sample savoury regional specialties and celebrated local wines. This signature VILLAGE LIFE® program will immerse you in an intimate travel experience at just the right pace and includes ideally located accommodations, specially arranged meals and all excursions—truly an excellent value.

Photo above: *The Teatro Massimo boasts the extravagant beauty of the Isola Bella gardens.*



Photo below: *Enjoy Como's world-class architecture, including the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Duomo di Como, financed by a prospering silk industry.*

## ITINERARY

**1** Depart Canada

**2** Milan,® Italy/Como

- ◆ Check into the PALACE HOTEL in Como.

**3** Como

- ◆ Walking tour of Old Como.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**

- ◆ Lectures by a Como scholar and a resident art historian.

**4** Lake Maggiore/Borromean Islands/Stresa

- ◆ Private cruise on Lake Maggiore around the Borromean Islands.
- ◆ Explore the charming *strade* (streets) of Stresa at your own pace.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**

- ◆ Tour of Isola Bella's magnificent 17<sup>th</sup>-century palazzo and gardens.

**5** Milan

- ◆ Guided tour of Milan.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**

- ◆ Visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Santa Maria delle Grazie to see da Vinci's *The Last Supper*.

**6** Lake Como/Villa del Balbianello/Bellagio

- ◆ Private scenic cruise on Lake Como.
- ◆ Explore charming Bellagio at your own pace.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**

- ◆ Specially arranged tour of the Italian National Trust's Villa del Balbianello.
- ◆ Exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM.

**7** Lake Orta

- ◆ Private boat ride across Lake Orta to visit the beautiful Isola San Giulio.
- ◆ Walking tour of medieval Orta San Giulio.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**

- ◆ Guided tour on Sacro Monte di Orta.®

**8** Como

- ◆ Day at leisure. Opt to stroll Como's colourful market and mingle with *Lombardi*.

**9** Como/Milan/Return to Canada  
Tesori di Verona e Venezia  
Post-Program Option\*

\*Available at additional cost.



Isola Bella's Palazzo Borromeo showcases the works of Giulio Cesare Procaccini and Luigi Pellegrini Scaramuccia.

## Como

Founded by the Romans in 196 B.C., Como has been internationally known for its silk-weaving industry since silkworms were first imported here in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. At one time, Como was the largest European silk producer—dyeing, weaving and designing fabrics to be shipped to the fashion houses of Milan, Paris and London. Enjoy ideally located accommodations in the PALACE HOTEL on the shores of Lake Como and in the *centro storico* (old town) of this timeless Italian *città*. Stroll beside medieval towers and defensive walls, Renaissance palaces and churches, neoclassical 19<sup>th</sup>-century villas and small family-owned *negozi* (shops) leading to the Piazza Cavour and the tranquil lakeside promenade. See the magnificent Duomo di Como, which took nearly 400 years to complete, and is considered the most beautiful cathedral in Lombardy, reflecting a seamless blend of Gothic and Renaissance styles. Visit the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Romanesque Basilica di San Fedele, with stunning frescoed naves and apses and an exquisitely sculptured choir, carved by Comacini masters. Peruse the fresh fruit and vegetables in the tri-weekly outdoor market, a tradition for centuries.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** A local scholar of Como from the Roman era to the present, and resident art historian Giuseppina Lucini will present a private expert lecture.

*Cruise past Isola Madre, the largest of the Borromean Islands, home to a diverse array of plants from every continent.*



During the exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM, residents will discuss contemporary life in the dazzling and historic Italian Lake District.

Savour the delights of a northern Italian dinner in a local *ristorante*.

## Lago Maggiore

Beloved by Lombardy's nobility, Lake Maggiore is Italy's second-largest lake and a natural boundary between the regions of Lombardy and Piedmont. A close rival to Lake Como as the most spectacular in the Lake District, Lake Maggiore's mild climate allows gardens to grow rare and exotic plants beneath the high Alps, particularly on the remarkable Borromean Islands. Enjoy a private boat cruise amidst the charming islands that inspired Gustave Flaubert, Richard Wagner and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

## Borromean Islands

Cruise among Lake Maggiore's enticing islands, graced with elegant villas and striking natural beauty. Isola Bella, Isola di San Giovanni, Isola Madre and Isola dei Pescatori are collectively known as the Borromean Islands, named after the powerful Borromeos, a dynasty of counts, cardinals and warriors. During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, swathes of what is now North Central Italy were known as the Borromeo State, and the family wielded absolute political and military power.



*Experience the beauty of Bellagio, the “Pearl of Lake Como,” beloved by many for its colourful houses, exquisite gardens and lovely villas set against a scenic Alpine backdrop.*

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Visit the crown jewel of the Borromean archipelago, Isola Bella, entirely occupied by the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Palazzo Borromeo. Walk through its splendid Italianate gardens, a Baroque botanical masterpiece ablaze with roses, gardenias, azaleas and rhododendrons, described by Edith Wharton as a work of “Renaissance poetry.” Commissioned by Count Carlo Borromeo III in 1632, this secluded Baroque retreat is dedicated to his wife, Isabella, and its extravagant halls and opulent salons are filled with priceless masterpieces by Old Masters such as Peter Paul Rubens, Titian and Anthony Van Dyck. See the Sala di Napoleone, where Napoleon and Josephine slept in 1797, and the island’s unforgettable grotto, decorated entirely with marble- and lava-studded mosaics of marine life.

## Stresa

An 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century “Grand Tour” of Europe was considered incomplete without visiting 10<sup>th</sup>-century Stresa to experience its spectacular mountain views, tropical gardens and the sparkling waters of Lake Maggiore.

The quintessential *dolce vita* town, Stresa’s inviting piazzas, cobblestone streets and lakeside promenade are dotted with *belle époque* mansions. A young Hemingway, recuperating in Stresa during World War I, was inspired to make it the setting for Frederic Henry and Catherine Barkley’s famed reunion in *A Farewell to Arms*.

## Milan

The recognized capital of the design and fashion worlds, Milan’s cultural heritage blends ornate palaces, Gothic churches and venerable museums with vibrant contemporary life, a wealth of modern art, an abundance of haute cuisine and outstanding operatic traditions. Visit Milan’s exquisite Duomo, which dates to 1386, and the world-famous Teatro alla Scala opera house, a neoclassical jewel of gilt boxes and glittering chandeliers, founded in 1778 by Empress Maria Theresa of Austria.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** By special arrangement, visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Santa Maria delle Grazie to experience the enduring genius of da Vinci’s masterpiece, *The Last Supper*.

## Lago di Como

Composer Franz Liszt romanticized, “When you write the story of two happy lovers, place them on the shores of Lake Como.”

Cruise by private boat across the sparkling waters of Italy’s deepest—and perhaps most spectacular—lake while learning more about its fascinating history and allure. Survey the quaint coastal village of Bellagio, a favourite retreat since the time of the Caesars, and the grand Renaissance villas built on the slopes of snowcapped mountains.

## Villa del Balbianello

Across Lake Como from Bellagio is the magnificent Villa del Balbianello and its unique terraced gardens. Built in 1787 by Cardinal Angelo Maria Durini, this consummate Italian lake villa was renovated in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by an American veteran of World War I. The villa was then purchased by Italy’s first explorer to summit Mt. Everest, Guido Monzino, who bequeathed it to the Italian National Trust. A paragon of authentic Italian luxury, the villa is a repository of 18<sup>th</sup>-century French and English furniture and an exquisite collection of Monzino’s Chinese, pre-Columbian and African art.

*Admire the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Piazza del Duomo which marks Milan’s geographic, social and cultural heart.*



## THE PALACE HOTEL

The ideally located, classic *belle époque* PALACE HOTEL is a delightful establishment with an ideal setting on the *lungolago* (lakefront promenade) overlooking Lake Como, just steps away from Como's beautiful marble Duomo and the medieval, pedestrian-only town centre. Venetian stucco artistry, Italian marble and antique furniture provide subtle touches of 19<sup>th</sup>-century elegance throughout the hotel.

Its expertly landscaped gardens are the perfect setting to admire enchanting views across Lake Como. The Garden Bar Ceccato, with its terrace overlooking the lake, is an excellent place to enjoy the hotel's renowned homemade ice cream or a cappuccino.

Each of the hotel's 94 recently renovated guest rooms is tastefully appointed with a private bathroom, air conditioning, satellite television, minibar and hair dryer. Meals feature fresh seasonal Italian ingredients, local specialties and international cuisine. Regional wine selections accompany dinner. The hotel staff provides exceptional service.



## Bellagio

Perched on a promontory punctuated by stands of cypress trees, Bellagio is one of the Italian Lake District's most internationally well-known villages. In the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Milanese nobility flocked here to build elaborate villas and cultivate subtropical gardens. Cobblestone alleyways draped with bougainvillea wind above an idyllic waterfront promenade that affords spectacular Alpine vistas.

## Lago d'Orta

Serene Lake Orta, nestled in the captivating Piedmont region of northwestern Italy, is the Lake District's best-kept secret. An ethereal mist rises above Lake Orta's forested shores which are imbued with a permeating stillness. Enjoy a walking tour of Orta San Giulio's medieval village centre, a cinematic tableau of gracefully aging ochre-hued houses woven with arabesques of decorative wrought iron and flamboyant Baroque palazzos built by Italian nobility. Enjoy time at leisure in this beguiling village.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Atop the summit of Sacro Monte di Orta—one of nine sacred mountains in northern Italy and a UNESCO World Heritage site—amidst a picturesque landscape of forested hills, visit several small chapels dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi, decorated with elaborate frescoes built between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## Isola San Giulio

Cruise across cobalt-blue Lake Orta in a private boat to diminutive and rarely visited Isola San Giulio, taking in stunning views of picture-perfect Italian villas and gardens along the way. Robert Browning, Honoré de Balzac and Byron all wrote of this intimate island's sublime beauty. Visit the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Romanesque-style Basilica di San Giulio, whose opulent interior is adorned with richly detailed frescoes painted upon the nave, chapel, vaults and aisles and stroll the monastery's lush grounds.



## Tesori di Verona e Venezia

Post-Program Option\*

Few cities have the power to enchant quite like Verona and Venice, UNESCO World Heritage sites. Verona is renowned for its well-preserved Romanesque and Gothic cathedrals, delightful piazzas and magnificent Roman monuments immortalized in William Shakespeare's timeless romance, *Romeo and Juliet*. See star-crossed Juliet's famous balcony, the crenellated 14<sup>th</sup>-century Castelvecchio and the spectacular 2000-year-old Roman Arena.

Discover the glories of centuries woven through a romantic tapestry of shimmering waterways crisscrossed by stone bridges that lead to Venice's extraordinary confection of architectural treasures, including the Gothic-style Doge's Palace. Cross the lagoon to the charming archipelago's island of Burano, known for its skilled fishers and colourful houses. Enjoy three nights in the HOTEL BONVECCHIATI, an 18<sup>th</sup>-century palazzo ideally located just a short walk from Venice's famous Piazza San Marco.



\*The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

# Included Features

## In Como

- ◆ Seven nights in the charming **PALACE HOTEL** on the southern shore of Lake Como.
- ◆ Full buffet breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Three dinners in the hotel and one dinner in a traditional restaurant, featuring northern Italian specialties paired with Italian wines.
- ◆ Welcome Reception.
- ◆ Opportunities to explore **local markets** in Como at your own pace.

## Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- ◆ Walking tour of Old Como.
- ◆ Lectures by a Como scholar and a resident art historian.
- ◆ Spectacular, scenic tour of **Lake Maggiore**, featuring a private cruise of the **Borromean Islands** and time to experience **Stresa's** spectacular views and tropical gardens at leisure.
- ◆ Visit to Lake Maggiore's **Isola Bella** for a tour of the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Palazzo Borromeo and its luxuriant gardens.
- ◆ Excursion into **Milan** to visit the world-famous Teatro alla Scala and the exquisite Duomo, with time at leisure to visit the historic Galleria.
- ◆ Visit to UNESCO World Heritage-designated Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, with a specially arranged viewing of **da Vinci's *The Last Supper***.
- ◆ Private boat cruise across **Lake Como** to medieval **Bellagio**, including time at leisure to explore this romantic and most famous village on Lake Como.
- ◆ Specially arranged guided tour of the Italian National Trust's magnificent 18<sup>th</sup>-century **Villa del Balbianello**.
- ◆ Specially arranged **VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM** with *Lombardi*.
- ◆ Excursion by private boat to **Lake Orta's** island of **San Giulio**, including a visit to the 12<sup>th</sup>-century basilica, renowned for its Romanesque pulpit made of black Oira marble and a walking tour of the beautiful medieval village.
- ◆ Guided tour of the fresco-adorned chapels dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi on **Sacro Monte**, a UNESCO World Heritage site overlooking Lake Orta.
- ◆ Opportunities to savour northern Italy's traditional cuisine during included meals and on your own.
- ◆ Italian language introduction.



## Always Included

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for all included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water provided on motorcoaches during excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



# The Romantic Allure of the Italian Lake District



Lombardy  
Coat of Arms  
1815-1866

For centuries, Italy's Lake District has seduced hearts, minds and souls, including those of Virgil, Napoleon Bonaparte, Lord Byron, Stendhal, William Wordsworth, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Edith Wharton, Giuseppe Verdi, Giacomo Puccini, Arturo Toscanini, Mark Twain and Ernest Hemingway. Long before the Romans annexed the region 2000 years ago and began to build their well-ordered towns, it was settled by Etruscans and invaded by Celts. Following the Romans, Middle Ages and Renaissance, nobility built palatial holiday villas, filled them with priceless art and laid out extraordinary gardens. European aristocrats of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries considered the Italian Lake District an essential stop on their "Grand Tour" of Europe.

Lombardy became one of the richest and most economically developed areas of Italy and Europe due to its agricultural production, trade and banking activities that extended throughout the continent.

To this day, the region remains of paramount importance to Italy. The mild climate and the snowcapped Alpine peaks descending to serene lake shores continue to lure the wealthy, as well as celebrities and travelers from around the world. From the deep-blue glacial lakes of Como, Maggiore and picturesque Orta to the enchanting Villa del Balbianello, and from colorful Bellagio—the "Pearl of Lake Como"—to the modern sophistication of Milan, discover the exquisite gem that is the Italian Lake District.

*The beautiful town of Stresa is a quintessential and cherished destination in the Italian Lake District.*







Nestled on the shores of Lake Como and surrounded by majestic Alpine peaks, the legendary Villa del Balbianello has one of the most dramatic settings in all of Italy.

<b>LAND TARIFF</b> excluding taxes*	Early Booking Tariff* through March 4, 2020	Tariff* after March 4, 2020
In U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy	<b>\$3795</b>	\$4095

Singles are available upon request for an additional \$1300 USD.\*

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Enclosed is my/our cheque(s) for \$\_\_\_\_\_ as deposit. Make cheques payable to **Gohagan & Company**.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to:  
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Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

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**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

**Tesori di Verona e Venezia Post-Program Option**

- Double at \$1745 USD per person.
- Single at \$2495 USD per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want you to book my/our air, at additional cost to be advised,<sup>‡</sup> from:

\_\_\_\_\_ (fill in departure city)

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

<sup>‡</sup>Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.



*Cruise Lake Maggiore and admire the exotic flora of the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Borromean Islands.*

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**DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS:** Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by **March 4, 2020**. In the event a "discounted" reservation must be cancelled, no "replacement" reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A "replacement" reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

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**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Gohagan and others for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

**RATES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, Gohagan reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the program participant of such increases. On programs which include Gohagan purchased interstate or international air (which originates or returns to the United States), no increased costs will be passed on after final payment except for subsequently imposed governmental tax increases.

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**BINDING ARBITRATION:** Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning the program, or the program itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Illinois law and will take place in Chicago, IL. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and Gohagan are waiving the right to a trial by jury.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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